

## **In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A brush cleaning device to clean paintbrushes, artist brushes, arts & crafts brushes and cosmetic brushes, said device comprising:

(a) a tank having closed sides and a bottom defining an interior for containing cleaning liquid;

(b) a brush frame comprising at least a first cleaning means and a second rotatably mounted cleaning means, each having a length and an outer surface and being in contact with said cleaning fluid, wherein at least one of the first and second cleaning means is rotatably mounted;

~~-(c) at least one stationary cleaning means having a length and an outer surface and being in contact with said cleaning fluid;~~

~~{{(d)}} [[c]]~~ a means for providing power to rotate said rotating cleaning means;  
and

~~{{(e)}} [[d]]~~ an access means for permitting an operator to contact the paintbrush, artist brush or cosmetic with the rotating cleaning means and cleaning fluid; wherein

the ~~rotating cleaning means and stationary~~ first cleaning means and second cleaning means each comprise a bristle portion on their respective outer surfaces, and wherein the bristle portion on the ~~stationary~~ first cleaning means does not contact the bristle portion on the ~~rotating~~ second cleaning means.

2. (Previously Presented) The paintbrush-cleaning device of claim 1 wherein the rotating cleaning means is configured to rotate towards the interior of the tank.
3. (Currently Amended) The brush-cleaning device of claim 1 wherein the bristle portion of the ~~rotating cleaning means and the bristle portion of the stationary~~ first cleaning means and second cleaning means comprise a plurality of tufts extending outward from the their respective outer surfaces.
4. (Previously Presented) The brush-cleaning device of claim 3 wherein the plurality of tufts is configured in a spiral pattern along substantially the entire length of the rotating cleaning means.
5. (Previously Presented) The brush-cleaning device of claim 3, wherein at least a portion of the tufts are configured in a cone shape.
6. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 3, wherein the tufts are disposed in tuft holes and wherein adjacent tuft holes are separated by a wall.
7. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 6, wherein the wall between adjacent tuft holes has a thickness, and wherein the thickness is from about 0.0001mm thick to about 0.1 mm thick.
8. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 7, wherein the wall between adjacent tuft holes has a thickness, and wherein the thickness is from about 0.0005 mm thick to about 0.005 mm thick.
9. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 8, wherein the wall between adjacent tuft holes has a thickness, and wherein the thickness is about 0.00025 mm thick.
10. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 3, wherein the tuft comprises a tuft base, and wherein the diameter of the tuft at the tuft base is from about 0.005 cm to about 5.0 cm.

11. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 10, wherein the tuft comprises a tuft base, and wherein the diameter of the tuft at the tuft base is from about 0.01 cm to about 1.0 cm.
12. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 11, wherein the tuft comprises a tuft base, and wherein the diameter of the tuft at the tuft base is from about 0.015 cm to about 0.25 cm.
13. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 3, wherein the tuft comprises a length and wherein the length is from about 0.5 cm to about 25 cm.
14. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 13, wherein the tuft comprises a length and wherein the length is from about 0.75 cm to about 10 cm.
15. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 14, wherein the tuft comprises a length and wherein the length is from about 1 cm to about 5 cm.
16. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 1, wherein the means for providing power to rotate the rotating cleaning means is selected from the group consisting of electric motors, battery-operated motors, manual cranks, the operator's hand motion, and paddlewheels.
17. (Previously Presented) The brush-cleaning device of claim 5 wherein said rotating cleaning means comprises at least one gear that communicates with a drive gear in communication with the means for providing power.
18. (Currently Amended) A brush cleaning device to clean artist brushes, paint brushes and cosmetic brushes, said device comprising:
  - (a) a tank having closed sides and a bottom defining an interior;
  - (b) a brush frame disposed within the tank, said brush frame comprising ~~a pair~~ at least a first rotating cleaning means and a second rotating cleaning means, wherein, the of

rotating cleaning means each comprise ~~comprising~~ a bristle portion; ~~and a stationary cleaning means comprising a bristle portion;~~

(c) a motor housing comprising a first opening connecting to the tank; and

(d) a top cover disposed on the upper surface of the motor housing, said top cover comprising a second opening in communication with the first opening and with the tank; wherein the bristle portion of the first rotating cleaning means ~~[[do]]~~ [[does]] not touch the bristle portion of the ~~stationary~~ second rotating cleaning means.

19. (Currently Amended) The brush cleaning device of claim 18, wherein the ~~pair of~~ the first rotating cleaning means and the second rotating cleaning means are disposed parallel to one another ~~and the stationary cleaning means is disposed below the pair of rotating cleaning means.~~

20. (Currently Amended) The paintbrush-cleaning device of claim 18 wherein the first rotating cleaning means and the second rotating cleaning means ~~[[is]]~~ [[are]] configured to rotate towards the interior of the tank.

21. (Currently Amended) The brush-cleaning device of claim 18 wherein the bristle portion of the first rotating cleaning means and the second rotating cleaning means ~~and the bristle portion of the stationary cleaning means~~ comprise a plurality of tufts extending outward from the their respective outer surfaces.

22. (Currently Amended) The brush-cleaning device of claim 21 wherein the plurality of tufts is configured in a spiral pattern along substantially the entire length of the first and second rotating cleaning means.

23. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 21, wherein the tufts are disposed in tuft holes and wherein adjacent tuft holes are separated by a wall.

24. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 23, wherein the wall between adjacent tuft holes has a thickness, and wherein the thickness is from about 0.0001mm thick to about 0.1 mm thick.
25. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 24, wherein the wall between adjacent tuft holes has a thickness, and wherein the thickness is from about 0.0005 mm thick to about 0.005 mm thick.
26. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 25, wherein the wall between adjacent tuft holes has a thickness, and wherein the thickness is about 0.00025 mm thick.
27. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 21, wherein the tuft comprises a tuft base, and wherein the diameter of the tuft at the tuft base is from about 0.005 cm to about 5.0 cm.
28. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 27, wherein the tuft comprises a tuft base, and wherein the diameter of the tuft at the tuft base is from about 0.01 cm to about 1.0 cm.
29. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 28, wherein the tuft comprises a tuft base, and wherein the diameter of the tuft at the tuft base is from about 0.015 cm to about 0.25 cm.
30. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 21, wherein the tuft comprises a length and wherein the length is from about 0.5 cm to about 25 cm.
31. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 30, wherein the tuft comprises a length and wherein the length is from about 0.75 cm to about 10 cm.
32. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 31, wherein the tuft comprises a length and wherein the length is from about 1 cm to about 5 cm.

33. (Previously Presented) The brush cleaning device of claim 18 wherein the means for providing power to rotate the rotating cleaning means is selected from the group consisting of electric motors, battery-operated motors and manual cranks.

34. (Previously Presented) The brush-cleaning device of claim 18 wherein said rotating cleaning means comprises at least one gear that communicates with a drive gear in communication with the means for providing power.

35. (New) A brush cleaning device to clean artist brushes, paint brushes and cosmetic brushes, said device comprising:

- (a) a tank having closed sides and a bottom defining an interior, wherein the tank comprises a latch catch;
- (b) a brush frame disposed within the tank, said brush frame comprising lower ends and at least a first rotating cleaning means and a second rotating cleaning means, wherein, the first and second rotating cleaning means are disposed parallel to one another and each comprise a bristle portion;
- (c) a stationary cleaning means comprising a bristle portion, wherein the stationary cleaning means is disposed between the lower ends of the brush frame and
- (d) a motor housing comprising a first opening connecting to the tank and at least one latch handle;
- (e) a top cover disposed on the upper surface of the motor housing, said top cover comprising a second opening in communication with the first opening and with the tank; wherein

the latch handle interfaces with the latch catch to secure the motor housing to the tank, and wherein the respective bristle portions of the first rotating cleaning means, second rotating cleaning means and stationary cleaning means do not touch one another.